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19 February. At 8:30 a.m., 12 single-engine monoplanes were observed coming from the southwest and crossing over the targets in Jagen (forest districts) 105/106 in echelon formation to the right at an altitude of about 700 meters. Subsequently, the aircraft increased the distances and dived to an altitude of 200 to 250 meters releasing one bomb each. Then the aircraft climbed to an altitude of 700 meters, dispersed and dived individually without a noticeable pattern, releasing again one bomb each. The aircraft subsequently again assembled to echelon formation to the right and practiced air-to-ground firing. After about 30 minutes, another formation of 12 ground attack aircraft approached from the southeast and practiced in the described manner. No fighter escort was observed.

22 and 23 February. Bombing practices started at 8:30 a.m. with 16 single-engine monoplanes approaching the firing range in two echelon formations. The formation dived from an altitude of about 800 meters to about 100 meters and released one bomb each at the same time; there was an interval of about 800 meters between the two formations. After the bomb release, the aircraft crossed over the target and practiced air-to-ground firing. Between 8:30 a.m. and noon and 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., 18 ground attack aircraft approached at intervals of 30 to 45 minutes for such practices. When bombs were dropped simultaneously, [redacted] only three times that one or two bombs detonated half a second after the bulk of the bombs had detonated.

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27 February and 1 March. Aircraft, part of them apparently jet aircraft, continuously crossed over the firing range but no bomb release or air-to-ground firing was observed.

8 and 9 March. Ground attack aircraft approached in formation. Part of the aircraft released bombs while another part practiced air-to-ground firing at the targets in Jagen 105/106.

25X1 [redacted] the fragment of a fuse after bombing practices." For 6 to 8 weeks, a radio truck parked next to a radio mast, about 10 meters high, were observed at the western exit of Farnenendorf, about 100 meters west of the last farmyard. The installation was occupied by 5 air force soldiers.

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